
THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF

SIDNEY HERBERT RUFUS

The author of this Will, SIDNEY HERBERT RUFUS, known as SID RUFUS, also known as TACK and TACKLINE RUFUS, was born in the town of HILLERY, in the State of ILLINOIS, in this Nation, the UNITED STATES of AMERICA, on the 19th day of November in the year of our LORD 1903. A citizen by birth, he forfeited the main part of that citizenship by establishing residence in the capitol of this Nation, the DISTRICT of COLUMBIA; and by relinquishing his right to vote and practicing the privilege of taxation without representation, he does, at the time of this writing, maintain residence in that same neighborhood.

I, SIDNEY HERBERT RUFUS, on my fifty-seventh (57) birthday, this nineteenth day of the eleventh month of the one thousand nine hundred and sixtieth year of the Gregorian calender (November 19, 1960) do hereby make this Last Will and Testament. Adjudged by the conventional laws of our society to be sound of mind, or, at least, legally at large and free to express myself, it is my profound wish that the Will of this Testament be executed without legal expense or question, and that the expediting and fulfillment of the bequests and requests herein be done so without delay, discussion or dispute.

With a song sparrow chirping his anticipation of the coming winter while perched amidst the thinning autumn leaves on a tree outside my window, unperturbed; and with my cat curled and purring at my feet while she sleeps away the remainder of her nine lives, undisturbed; or, in plainer language: "with God as my witness" I make the following bequeathals and requests:

1. When the kernel departs from this shell to take its destined place in the next cycle of eternity in the pattern of the Absolute, I bequeath the cadaverous remains to the nearest School Hospital or Clinic interested and engaged in the study of such carcasses for the purpose of bettering the physical being of mankind. And, if this be done, let the responsible persons concerned in this knowledge of the anatomy dispose of the remnants in their own manner, without ceremony and without obligation.

2. If this NOT be done, and should this body NOT be worthy of such cause, then let it be cremated into ashes and those ashes strewn to the winds to settle back to dust; or let them be scattered in the nearest river or creek which winds its way to a bay or baylet and on into an ocean, joining the minerals of their making. May there be no funeral, nor exercise of any kind, nor a marker to mark any spot.

3. Nothing on this earth or in this universe or in universes beyond belongs to man. There are material things which he may collect, gain or lose, pay taxes on but never keep; only use and

then pass on in his name to heirs of his choice for them to use and pass on to others. This being known, I hereby bequeath such material things as might be called my estate to my beloved wife, MRS. HELEN DUKE RUFUS. Should I survive my wife, then may my niece and favorite blood relation, MRS. WILLIAM V. HOWLAND, a resident of COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA, be beneficiary of such estate, without further appointment or ado.

4. All my mistakes -- my faults and failure -- my bad judgments and bad behaviors -- my jealousies and petty greeds -- my lies, deceipts and such misdeeds -- I leave for the world to behold, that they shall be remembered and serve as profit for them wise enough to profit by such beholdings.

5. A goodly collection of good intentions I leave intact to be started and finished by folk more capable and responsible than I, before they die.

6. My many happy dreams and fantasies and pies in the sky, I return to the magic cupboard to replenish the supply for other dreamers such as I.

7. Should this Will perchance suggest one good thought, may the goodness of that thought propagate and multiply and spread to hearts and minds willing and able to nurture and develop that

goodness into being, with hope that Man will -- as well as search in outer space -- explore the realms of Truth, which someday he must encounter face to face.

Signed by: SIDNEY HERBERT RUFUS (seal)

Witnessed by: The sparrow
The cat
And the Creator

DISTRICT of COLUMBIA

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the District of Columbia, this 19th day of November, 1960.

Mary Jo Freehill

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Apr. 14, 1961